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10/051,723

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Title

Fibers Comprising Polyhydroxyalkanoate

Copolymer/Polylactic Acid Polymer Or Copolymer Blends

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of August 8, 2003, the time for response being extended by one (1) month, pursuant to the fee charged to the Assignee's Deposit Account in the papers submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows, consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. Attached hereto is a Petition for a One (1) Month Extension of Time, and the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(a), providing for a timely response up to and including December 8, 2003.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.